

Claims

- [c1] 1. A method for accessing one or more interface screens associated with a video recorder, comprising: providing one of said interface screens; providing an input device having one or more input points; associating each of said input points with each of said interface screens; and accessing any of said one or more interface screens by actuating one of said input points with a single keystroke.
- [c2] 2. The method of claim 1 wherein said input device is a remote control.
- [c3] 3. The method of claim 2, wherein said input points are buttons on said remote control.
- [c4] 4. The method of claim 1 wherein said input device is an interface connected to a set-top box.
- [c5] 5. The method of claim 1 wherein said interface screens include a series manager screen, a recording schedule screen, and a saved shows screen.
- [c6] 6. The method of claim 1 wherein said input points are associated with a color and said associated interface

screens are also associated with said color.

- [c7] 7. The method of claim 1 wherein said input points are associated with a shape and said associated interface screens display said shape.
- [c8] 8. A computer program product comprising: a computer usable medium having computer readable program code means embodied therein for enabling access to one or more interface screens associated with a video recorder, comprising: computer readable program code means for causing a computer to provide one of said interface screens; computer readable program code means for causing a computer to provide an input device having one or more input points; computer readable program code means for causing a computer to associate each of said input points with each of said interface screens; and computer readable program code means for causing a computer to enable access to any of said one or more interface screens by actuating one of said input points with a single keystroke.
- [c9] 9. The computer program product of claim 8 wherein said input device is a remote control.
- [c10] 10. The computer program product of claim 9 wherein said input points are buttons on said remote control.

- [c11] 11. The computer program product of claim 8 wherein said input device is an interface connected to a set-top box.
- [c12] 12. The computer program product of claim 8 wherein said interface screens include a series manager screen, a recording schedule screen, and a saved shows screen.
- [c13] 13. The computer program product of claim 8 wherein said input points are associated with a color and said associated interface screens are also associated with said color.
- [c14] 14. The computer program product of claim 8 said input points are associated with a shape and said associated interface screens display said shape.
- [c15] 15. An arrangement of interface screens associated with a video recorder, comprising: an input device having at least a first, a second, and a third input point; a first interface screen associated with said first input point; a second interface screen associated with said second input point; and a third interface screen associated with said third input point, wherein a user is able to access any of said first, second, and third interface screens by actuating any one of said input points with a single keystroke.

- [c16] 16. The arrangement of claim 15 wherein said input device is a remote control.
- [c17] 17. The arrangement of claim 16, wherein said input points are buttons on said remote control.
- [c18] 18. The arrangement of claim 15 wherein said input device is an interface connected to a set-top box.
- [c19] 19. The arrangement of claim 15 wherein said interface screens include a series manager screen, a recording schedule screen, and a saved shows screen.
- [c20] 20. The arrangement of claim 15 wherein said input points are associated with a color and said associated interface screens are also associated with said color.
- [c21] 21. The arrangement of claim 15 wherein said input points are associated with a shape and said associated interface screens display said shape.
- [c22] 22. An apparatus comprising: a user interface; a saved show screen; a recording schedule screen; and a series manager screen, wherein said user interface is configured to display said saved show screen, said recording schedule screen, and series manager screen at a single level.

- [c23] 23. The apparatus of claim 22, further comprising a user input device configured so that a user moves between said screens using a single keystroke.
- [c24] 24. The apparatus of claim 22, further comprising: a video recorder for recording one or more shows; and a local storage configured to store one or more of said shows.
- [c25] 25. The apparatus of claim 24, wherein said saved show screen displays information on said recorded and stored shows.
- [c26] 26. The apparatus of claim 24, wherein said saved show screen displays a recording in progress icon.
- [c27] 27. The apparatus of claim 24, wherein said recording schedule screen displays information on shows to be recorded in the future.
- [c28] 28. The apparatus of claim 24, wherein said series manager screen displays information on one or more shows that will be repeatedly transferred to said local storage under conditions.